Steps to encourage KVI in the country

†2913. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to encourage Khadi and Village Industries each year, during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have allocated any funds to the State Governments for this purpose during the above periods;

(c) the number of people working in this industry, State-wise;

(d) whether Government are considering to provide assistance to the people working in these industries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The Government has continued to encourage khadi and village industries in the country and has provided Rs. 3663.05 crore in the Tenth Plan as against the outlay of Rs. 2950 crore. Some of the important steps taken by Government during the last three years to encourage khadi and village industries include:

(i) Amendments to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) Act, 1956 , to revamp the KVIC.

(ii) Introduction of the 'Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI)' for development of 100 clusters of these traditional industries for enhanced competitiveness and employment of artisans and rural entrepreneurs.

(iii) Introduction of the Product Development, Design Intervention and Packaging (PRODIP) Scheme in 2003-04 for improved design and packaging of khadi and village industry products.

(iv) Implementation of the Group Insurance Scheme, ("Khadi Karigar Janashree Bima Yojana") with effect from 15 August 2003 for the benefit of khadi workers/artisans.

(v) Implementation of the 'Ready to Use Mission for Khadi Products' to convert khadi fabric into ready-made garments for higher value addition.

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(vi) Ensuring availability of quality raw materials for khadi production through six Central Sliver Plants of KVIC, etc.

(b) Government allocates funds to the KVIC for implementation of schemes for the promotion and development of Khadi and Village industries. The KVIC, in turn, allocates the funds, *inter alia,* to the Khadi and Village Industries boards of the States/Union Territories, registered khadi institutions, etc.

(c) The State/Union territory-wise estimates of the number of persons employed in the khadi and village industry sector at the end of March 2005 are given in the statement (*See* below)

(d) and (e) For implementation of schemes for the promotion and development of the khadi and village industry sector, and Government has made a Plan provision of Rs. 592.93 crore during 2006-07.

Statement

State/Union Territory-wise estimates of the number of persons employed in the khadi and village industry sector at the end of March 2005

Sl.No.	State/Union Territories	Employment* (lakh persons)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5.15
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.03
3.	Assam	1.76
4.	Bihar	3.72
5.	Goa	0.14
6.	Gujarat	1.41
7.	Haryana	2.29
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1.41
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1.70
10.	Karnataka	3.32
11.	Kerala	3.18

Sl.No.	State/Union Territories	Employment* (lakh persons)
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2.72
13.	Maharashtra	5.91
14.	Manipur	0.65
15.	Meghalaya	0.31
16.	Mizoram	0.29
17.	Nagaland	0.37
18.	Orissa	2.39
19.	Punjab	2.80
20.	Rajasthan	6.56
21.	Sikkim	0.11
22.	Tamil Nadu	13.07
23.	Tripura	0.37
24.	Uttar Pradesh	17 13
25.	West Bengal	6.21
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.15
27.	Chandigarh	0.15
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.01
29.	Delhi	0.35
30.	Lakshadweep	0.01
31.	Pondicherry	0.10
32.	Chhattisgarh	0.51
33.	Jharkhand	0.27
34.	Uttaranchal	0.90
	TOTAL:	85.42

*Provisional